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## Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) A liquid crystal display device, comprising:

a first substrate;

a main seal on the first substrate and defining a liquid crystal injection area;

a first step coverage-compensating layer disposed between the first substrate and the main seal;

a plurality of dummy seals on the first substrate and external to the liquid crystal injection area; and

a second step coverage-compensating layer disposed between the first substrate and the plurality of dummy seals, the second step coverage-compensating layer having substantially a same thickness as the first step coverage-compensating layer.

2. (original) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the main seal is provided with a liquid crystal injection hole through which a liquid crystal can be injected.

3. (original) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the main seal and the dummy seals have a same thickness.

4. (original) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the first coverage-compensating layer has a thickness of about 6500Å.

5. (original) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein a top of the main seal and tops of the dummy seals are a same distance from the first substrate.

6. (original) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, further comprising: a gate metal pattern on the substrate forming a gate line and a gate electrode; and a gate-insulating layer covering the gate metal pattern.

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7. (original) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 6, wherein the first and second step coverage-compensating layers include the gate metal pattern and the gate-insulating layer.

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8. (original) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 6, wherein the main seal and the dummy seals are formed on the gate-insulating layer.

Claims 9-20 (canceled)